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Nonattainment or Maintenance Area	National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS)	Affected Counties	MPO	MTP Name	Initial Conformity Date for MTP ¹	TIP/STIP Name	TIP/STIP Conformity Date ²	Designation Classification
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria (HGB)	2008 ozone	Brazoria Chambers Fort Bend Galveston Harris Liberty Montgomery Waller	HGAC	2045 RTP Update	November 1, 2023	2023-2026 TIP	November 1, 2023	Severe Nonattainment ³
	2015 ozone	Brazoria Chambers Fort Bend Galveston Harris Montgomery						Moderate Nonattainment ⁴
Beaumont-Port Arthur (BPA) ⁵	1997 ozone	Hardin Jefferson Orange	SETRPC	MTP 2045	November 20, 2023	2023-2026 TIP	November 20, 2023	Formerly Attainment Maintenance ⁶

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Dallas Fort Worth (DFW)	2008 ozone	Collin Dallas Denton Tarrant Ellis Johnson Kaufman Parker Rockwall Wise	NCTCOG	Mobility 2045 – 2022 Update	December 15, 2022	2023-2026 TIP	December 15, 2022	Severe Nonattainment ⁷
	2015 ozone	Collin Dallas Denton Tarrant Ellis Johnson Kaufman Parker Wise						Moderate Nonattainment ⁸
El Paso (ELP)	PM ₁₀	El Paso	El Paso MPO	2050 MTP	November 4, 2022	2023-2026 TIP	November 18, 2022	Moderate Nonattainment
	CO							Attainment Maintenance
	2015 ozone ⁹							Attainment/ Unclassifiable ¹⁰
San Antonio, Texas (SAT)	2015 Ozone ¹¹	Bexar	Alamo Area MPO	2050 MTP	August 3, 2023	2023-2026 TIP	November 18, 2022	Moderate Nonattainment ¹²

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Lead (Pb) Nonattainment or Maintenance Areas			
Collin County	Portion of Collin County in the Frisco City area	Transportation conformity does not apply for the Lead NAAQS	Attainment Maintenance ¹³
Sulfur Dioxide (SO ₂) Nonattainment or Maintenance Areas			
Freestone County	Portion of Counties	Transportation conformity does not apply for the SO ₂ NAAQS	Nonattainment ¹⁴
Anderson County			
Howard			
Hutchinson			
Navarro			
Panola County			
Rusk County			
Titus County			

Appendix A

The following table shows the revision history for this guidance document.

Revision History	
Effective Date Month, Year	Reason for and Description of Change
December 7, 2023	Version 27 was released. On June 30, 2023, the D.C. Circuit Court issued a decision to reverse the EPA's multistate attainment area designation, which reverted El Paso County back to its prior attainment designation.
November 21, 2023	Version 26 was released. FHWA approved the South East Texas Regional Planning Commission Metropolitan Planning Organization's (SETRPC-MPO's) new conformity determination for their existing 2045 MTP and 2023-2026 TIP, effective November 20, 2023. This regional conformity determination restarts the four-year conformity clock; however, since this regional conformity determination is associated with the existing plan and not a new one, the five-year plan update clock has not restarted and is still set to expire on November 21, 2024.
November 2, 2023	Version 25 was released. FHWA approved Houston-Galveston MPO's 2045 Regional Transportation Plan Update (2045 RTP Update) and 2023-2026 TIP, effective November 1, 2023.
August 4, 2023	Version 24 was released. FHWA approved AAMPO's 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (2050 MTP) and 2023-2026 TIP, effective August 3, 2023.
March 17, 2023	Version 23 was released. Footnotes pertaining to the re-designation of the 2008 ozone nonattainment areas of DFW and HGB from serious to severe were elaborated upon to include the specific designation of severe-15 nonattainment for the 2008 NAAQS, as identified in EPA's Greenbook.
January 10, 2023	Version 22 was released. FHWA approved DFW's Mobility 2045 – 2022 Update and 2023-2026 TIP, effective December 15, 2022.
December 2, 2022	Version 21 was released. FHWA/FTA approved the 2023-2026 STIP, effective November 18, 2022.
November 8, 2022	Version 20 was released. FHWA/FTA approved ELP's RMS 2050 MTP and RMS 2023-2026 TIP, effective November 4, 2022.
October 7, 2022	Version 19 was released. EPA re-designated the 2008 ozone nonattainment areas for DFW and HGB from serious to severe, effective November 7, 2022. ¹⁵ EPA re-designated the 2015 ozone nonattainment areas for DFW, HGB, and SAT from marginal to moderate, effective November 7, 2022. ¹⁶
December 30, 2021	Version 18 was released.

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	EPA designated El Paso County as marginal nonattainment for the 2015 ozone standard, effective December 30, 2021.
August 3, 2021	Version 17 was released. FHWA/FTA issued joint approval of the 2021-2024 STIP on July 22, 2021. Also updated SO2 nonattainment designations as identified in EPA's Greenbook.
March 20, 2020	Version 16 was released. EPA clarified in their final rule for HGB SIP Revision ¹⁷ that designations and classifications for revoked 1979 and 1997 ozone standards were also revoked, and therefore have no designation.
November 22, 2019	Version 15 was released. FHWA approved SAT's Mobility 2045 and BMT's MTP 2045. Also updating TIP/STIP conformity dates to coincide with new plans.
August 23, 2019	Version 14 was released. EPA re-designated the 2008 ozone nonattainment areas for DFW and HGB from moderate to serious.
August 2, 2019	Version 13 was released. FHWA approved BMT's Revised 2040 MTP and HOU's 2045 Regional Transportation Plan.
February 16, 2019	Version 12 was released. Updates status of the 1997 ozone designations for HGB and DFW since South Coast ruling became effective on February 16, 2019.
November 21, 2018	Version 11 was released. FHWA approved DFW's Mobility 2045.
November 6, 2018	Version 10 was released. FHWA approved ELP's Destino 2045.
September 28, 2018	Version 9 was released. FHWA approved the 2019-2022 STIP. Also adds back in the 1997 ozone standard and updates the attainment status for the lead maintenance area in Collin County.
August 3, 2018	Version 8 was released. This revision incorporates the EPA designations for the 2015 ozone standards.

Revision History	
March 27, 2018	Version 7 was released. FHWA approved ELP's Amended Horizon 2040 MTP.
December 20, 2016	Version 6 was released. FHWA approved the 2017-2020 STIP.
September 8, 2016	Version 5 was released. FHWA approved DFW's Mobility 2040 MTP.
September 14, 2015	Version 4 was released. FHWA approved Houston's 2040 Regional Transportation Plan.
December 11, 2014	Version 3 was released. The reason for the change is that an update to the table was needed because FHWA and FTA approved the 2015-2018 STIP.
June 5, 2014	Version 2 was released. This document has been updated to account for the approval of EL Paso's 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. June 5, 2014 is both the date of the regional conformity determination by FHWA/FTA for the new MTP and the effective date for the new MTP.

¹ The term "initial" here refers to the original conformity date for the current plan which started its 4-yr conformity clock. This is the date that should be used in the environmental review document.

² The TIP/STIP conformity date is the determination for the initial STIP or for the plan that starts the 4-yr clock.

³ DFW and HGB were reclassified from serious to severe nonattainment for the 2008 ozone NAAQS, effective November 7, 2022 (Federal Register: October 7, 2022, Vol. 87, No. 194, page 60927). DFW and HGB are classified as severe-15 nonattainment for the 8-hour 2008 ozone NAAQS (EPA Green Book, 8-Hour Ozone (2008) Nonattainment Area State/Area/County Report).

⁴ DFW, HGB, and SAT were reclassified from marginal to moderate nonattainment for the 2015 ozone NAAQS, effective November 7, 2022 (Federal Register: October 7, 2022, Vol. 87, No. 194, page 60898).

⁵ Conformity to 1997 ozone standard is required by February 16, 2019; however, a less stringent analysis was performed (e.g., no regional travel or emissions analysis).

⁶ EPA clarified in their final rule for HGB SIP Revision (Federal Register: February 14, 2020, Vol. 85, No.31, page 8411) that designations and classifications for revoked 1979 and 1997 ozone standards were also revoked, and therefore have no designation.

⁷ DFW and HGB were reclassified from serious to severe nonattainment for the 2008 ozone NAAQS, effective November 7, 2022 (Federal Register: October 7, 2022, Vol. 87, No. 194, page 60927). DFW and HGB are classified as severe-15 nonattainment for the 8-hour 2008 ozone NAAQS (EPA Green Book, 8-Hour Ozone (2008) Nonattainment Area State/Area/County Report).

⁸ DFW, HGB, and SAT were reclassified from marginal to moderate nonattainment for the 2015 ozone NAAQS, effective November 7, 2022 (Federal Register: October 7, 2022, Vol. 87, No. 194, page 60898).

⁹ 2015 ozone designation for ELP area becomes effective December 30, 2021 with a 1-year grace period for conformity.

¹⁰ On June 30, 2023, the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals reversed the nonattainment designation for El Paso County, finding that the EPA's action was impermissibly retroactive (<https://www.epa.gov/ozone-designations/ozone-designations-regulatory-actions>).

¹¹ 2015 ozone designation for SAT area becomes effective September 24, 2018.

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¹² DFW, HGB, and SAT were reclassified from marginal to moderate nonattainment for the 2015 ozone NAAQS, effective November 7, 2022 (Federal Register: October 7, 2022, Vol. 87, No. 194, page 60898).

¹³ A small portion of Collin County is designated maintenance for lead, effective September 27, 2017. Transportation conformity does not apply to the lead NAAQS (Federal Register: June 29, 2017, Vol. 82, No. 124, page 29426).

¹⁴ A portion of these counties are designated nonattainment for SO₂. Transportation conformity does not apply to the SO₂ NAAQS.

¹⁵ Federal Register: October 7, 2022, Vol. 87, No. 194, page 60927.

¹⁶ Federal Register: October 7, 2022, Vol. 87, No. 194, page 60898.

¹⁷ Federal Register: February 14, 2020, Vol. 85, No.31, page 8411.